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MEMORANDUM

TO: Past Founders Day Old Main Bell Ceremony Participants (Bell Alumni)

FROM: Julie Barnhill 
Director, Presidential and University Events

DATE: January 24, 2006

RE: Founders Day 2006

Founders Day 2006 is quickly approaching! The campus will celebrate the 149th anniversary of the founding of the state's first public university on Thursday, February 16. This is a special day for the University community, and I hope that you will be able to join in the celebration.

As a previous Founders Day Old Main Bell Ceremony participant, I invite you on behalf of the University to participate in this year's ceremony. All previous bell ringers are invited to stand on the sidewalk north of the bell and form a semi-circle facing the bell during the ceremony. We ask that you bring with you the commemorative bells that you received the year you participated in the ceremony.

Barb Dallinger, also a member of the Founders Day Committee and a previous bell ringer, will be your Bell Alumni Coordinator that day. Please find Barb on the plaza directly north of the bell about **9:45 a.m. on Thursday, February 16**. She will help line you up and make sure you all "ring" at the appropriate times.

Please note the following times that you will "ring" your bells (and note to be gentle, as we found out last year the bells are not made for heavy-duty ringing):

- As the 2006 Bell Ringers exit Moulton Hall for their walk to the ceremony, please ring.
- You will be asked to ring together at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Questions, please let me know. Thanks!

Founders Day 2006

Ringling of the Old Main Bell

Nomination Form

The Old Main Bell, located on the Illinois State University Quad, is one of the oldest pieces of University history that can be found on the campus. The bell was removed from Old Main, the first building built on the campus of what was then called Illinois State Normal University. Old Main was demolished in 1958; however, the bell has long remained a symbol of daily life to not only the campus, but also the surrounding community. Originally, it announced the time. In later years, the bell was rung for special occasions.

Today, ringing the bell on Founders Day provides campus an opportunity to remember its rich heritage as the oldest public university in the state of Illinois. The still-rich tone that resonates from the bell is a tribute to the thousands of alumni, faculty, and staff that have made Illinois State University a leader in higher education and a hope for those who will follow in their footsteps, doing their part to continue to advance this grandest of enterprises.

Individuals are being sought to ring the bell with President Al Bowman as a part of 149th Founders Day celebration. The bell ringing ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 16 at 10 a.m. The individuals selected also will be recognized at the 2 p.m. Convocation that day. Those selected and who are able to participate will receive a commemorative gift.

Nominations are due Tuesday, January 24. Individuals may self-nominate or may nominate others from campus constituent groups: students, faculty, A/P, civil service, and alumni. Nominations can be made by completing the form found on the back of this or can be submitted via e-mail but must include the name, title and department/or relationship to the University, campus mail box/or mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, and constituent group that individual is representing as well as a brief explanation as to how the nominee demonstrates the core University values as stated in Educating Illinois: Individualized Attention, Public Opportunity, Active Pursuit of Learning, Diversity, and Creative Response to Change. The Founders Day Committee will select participants from the nominations received. Please note individuals who have previously participated in this ceremony are not eligible. For a list of all past bell ringers, please see back.

Nominations should be sent to

University Events
Campus Box 3200
Fax 438-5748; Phone 438-7681
e-mail jtbarnd@ilstu.edu

Nomination deadline is January 24, 2004.

***We look forward to seeing you at the ceremony on
Thursday, February 16 at 10 a.m. on the Quad.***

149th Founders Day Bell Ringing Ceremony
Nomination for Bell Ringer
February 16, 2006

Name of Person Being Nominated _____

Title/Department _____

Faculty _____ Civil Service _____ A/P _____

AND/OR

Relationship to University _____

Please include graduation years and/or years of service if retired _____

Address of Nominee _____

Phone Number _____

e-mail Address _____

Please briefly explain how the nominee demonstrates the core University values as stated in Educating Illinois: Individualized Attention, Public Opportunity, Active Pursuit of Learning, Diversity, and Creative Response to Change.

Submitted by _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

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